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Applicant

N. HARA et al

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Customer No:

24956

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REQUEST FOR NEW OFFICE ACTION AND RESET OF THE STATUTORY TIME PERIOD TO RESPOND AND REQUEST FOR CORRECTING POWER OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD INCLUDING CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

Sir:

Applicant's request that a new Office Action, resetting the statutory time period to respond, be prepared and forward to the undersigned law firm and that this application be correctly associated with Customer No. <u>24956</u>.

The reason for this request is based upon the following facts:

(1). A Power of Attorney submitted on August 24, 2004 by the law firm of Jones Day erroneously listed the serial number of the present application. A copy of this document is attached as Appendix A. As can be seen from this document, although the serial number of the present application (namely 10/629,582) is listed, the other particulars indicate another application to "Zheng et al" entitled "Method for Establishing a Three-

Dimensional Representation of a Bone From Image Data".

- (2). This erroneous Power of Attorney was apparently accepted and, as a result, a Notice Regarding Change of Power of Attorney was mailed from the PTO on November 1, 2004.
- (3). A response to this Notice was filed on December 2, 2004 by the undersigned law firm to correct the error, but was never addressed by the PTO. A copy of this response is attached as Appendix B.
- (4). A Status Request was filed on May 27, 2005, to which no reply was received. A copy of this Status Request is attached as Appendix C.
- (5). An Office Action was mailed on November 30, 2005 to the law firm of Jones Day instead of the undersigned law firm due to the perpetuation of the error contained in the Power of Attorney of August 24, 2004 (discussed in Item (1) above).
- (6). As such, the undersigned law firm did not receive the Office Action until recently.

Therefore, it is requested that this application be correctly associated with the undersigned law firm and Customer No. <u>24956</u>. It is also requested that a new Office Action be issued resetting the statutory time period to respond from its mailing date. A copy of the original Power of Attorney is attached as Appendix D. The original Power of Attorney is directed to a predecessor law firm to the undersigned law firm.

Although no fees are believed to be necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1417 for any fees that are deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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